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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS FONMIN'S VISIT TO PRAGUE

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1. IN BRIEFING NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL (NAC) MARCH 4
ON FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL'S VISIT TO
PRAGUE, DUTCH CHARGE BUWALDA COVERED MOST OF THE
SAME GROUND REPORTED IN REFTTEL. AS REGARDS
CSCE AND BELGRADE MEETINGS, HOWEVER, FOLLOW-
ING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED RE CZECH
VIEWS:

--HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN
PRIVATE, BECAUSE IF THEY WERE DISCUSSED IN

PUBLIC, EAST AND WEST WOULD RETURN TO CONFRONTATION;

--BELGRADE WHOULD HAVE A "CONSULTATIVE"
CHARACTER AT NOT TOO HIGH A LEVEL ("HEADS OF
DEPARTMENT OR AMBASSADORS");

--BELGRADE WOULD BE OF LESS IMPORTANCE
THAN HELSINKI;

--BELGRADE SHOULD NOT BECOME A COURT, BUT RATHER
CONCENTRATE ON POSITIVE RESULTS;

--GOING FURTHER THAN THE FINAL ACT, SUCH AS TRYING
TO CHANGE THE CBM PARAMETERS, WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE.

2. IN COMMENTING ON VAN DER STOEL VISIT, BUWALDA
NOTED THAT CZECH DECISION TO GO THROUGH WITH
THE VISIT UNDERLINED THE DILEMMA FACED BY THE
EAST EUROPEANS. WHILE THEY WANT TO AVOID DISCUS-
SIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THEY DO NOT WISH TO UNDERCUT
DETENTE. SECONDLY, THE CZECH ATTEMPT TO ISOLATE
DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS FROM THE REST OF THE
FINAL ACT THROUGH PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS MAY FORE-
SHADOW EASTERN TACTICS AT BELGRADE. FINALLY,
BUWALDA NOTED THAT THE CZECHS TOOK CARE TO
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MAINTAIN A POLITE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE
VISIT AND SOUGHT TO LIMIT THE REPERCUSSIONS
OF THE HUSAK SNUB ON FUTURE BILATERAL RELATIONS. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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